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MASONIC OFFICIALS VISIT MANY LODGES

Start From Fredericksburg and Stop at Various Points on Rappahannock River.

Lancaster, Va., June 22.—During the past week a number of the Masonic lodges in the Rappahannock Valley were honored with a visit from the grand master and other high officials of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia. Starting from Fredericksburg early in the week in the splendid steam launch *Thais*, belonging to the Hon. W. D. Carter, of that city, the party proceeded down the Rappahannock river, stopping at various points convenient to lodges. Friday they came from Tappahannock to Irvington, from which place they were conveyed in automobiles to Kilmarnock, where they paid an official visit to Lancaster Union Lodge. After being officially received by the lodge, the grand officers, accompanied by the members of Lancaster Union and several other lodges, proceeded to the public hall, where a large crowd had assembled to hear the addresses of the distinguished visitors. Before the speaking began an elegant lunch was served by the women of the community, after which District Deputy Grand Master Charles C. Fields introduced Grand Master Andrews, who delivered an interesting and erudite address on the antiquity of freemasonry. Addresses on various masonic subjects were delivered by Past Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston, of Richmond; Deputy Grand Master Philip K. Bauman, of Fredericksburg; Fish Commissioner McDonald Lee, Thomas J. Downing, of Lancaster, and others.

The exercises were enlivened with delightful music by Mrs. Virginia Downing, of Kilmarnock, and Misses Grace and Rubenette Lee, of Irvington. Hon. R. O. Norris, Jr., member of the House of Delegates, welcomed the visiting Masons, and the invited guests in appropriate and eloquent terms.

On the return trip to Irvington the visitors stopped and inspected old Christ Church, built by Robert (King) Carter in 1755, which is one of the most interesting as well as the least altered and best preserved of the Colonial churches of Virginia. Late in the afternoon and visitors crossed the Rappahannock River to Urbanna, where they paid a visit to Urbanna Lodge. Friday evening and delivered addresses to a large assemblage of men and women.

In the visiting party were Grand Master Andrews and wife, Deputy Grand Master Bauman, son and daughter, Past Grand Master Eggleston, Past Grand Secretary Nesbitt and wife, Hon. W. D. Carter, wife and daughter, of Fredericksburg; Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Brooks, of Washington, D. C.; W. W. Field, of Orange; Past Master de Wreckall, wife, son and daughter, of Jersey City, N. J.; Past Master Wood and two daughters, of Fredericksburg; Lieutenant W. W. Gault, U. S. N., of Norfolk; Miss Jennie Jones, of Orange; District Deputy Grand Master Charles C. Field, of Kilmarnock, and others. All the visitors expressed themselves as delighted with the country in the Rappahannock Valley, and also with the hospitable reception given them at all the places where they had stopped in their journey.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE CAUSED BY EUGENICS

After Studying Subject, Girl Takes Mercury Rather Than Live Without Her Cousin.

Malden, Mass., June 22.—Convinced by a study of eugenics and statistics that it would be a crime upon posterity to marry her first cousin, eighteen-year-old Susan McLaughlin is hovering between life and death at the Malden Hospital, where the olive oil treatment is being employed in an attempt to save her from a death similar to that of Banker Walker, in Macon, Ga., after swallowing bichloride of mercury. The girl was discovered in her bedroom in her home, at 45 Bryant Street, after she had swallowed fifteen grains with suicidal intent, and within two hours after she had been discovered and when she was administered and a stomach pump used at the Malden Hospital. She talked rationally with the surgeons after reaching the hospital, but not until this morning was her motive for wishing to end her life learned.

Ernest Bennett, of 5 Moody Street, Dorchester, her first cousin, whom she had always imagined she was to marry and without whom she did not care to live, was informed of her attempted suicide, and then it is said that the eugenics problem was admitted to have been studied by both of them. This forenoon it was feared that the McLaughlin girl was dying, and the physicians permitted her to be visited by her sweetheart for the first time, in the hope that it might aid her in her fight for life.

The mothers of the two lovers are sisters, and especially close link of relationship is said to have been proved so dangerous as regards posterity in the citations given in the article from a "eugenics bureau" in Washington at to make the girl herself choose death rather than marriage to the man she loved.

MORE PEACE DETAILS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, June 22.—Further details of the Bryan peace proposal were made public by the State Department today. It is the belief of Secretary of State Bryan that the points of dispute whenever they arise between the United States and any other nation, should be investigated by an international commission, and that a report of the inquiry be made within a period of one year.

It is President Wilson's proposal that the joint commission shall be composed of five members, one member from each nation to the dispute, one to be chosen by each of these nations from the citizens of another nation, and the fifth member of the commission to be agreed upon by the two governments. Eighteen nations have now accepted the broad proposal and are now willing to confer with the United States in regard to details.